

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A POLICE SPY.

Attacked by Four Saloon Keepers on a Street Car and Badly Beaten.

Victim Is a Christian Endeavorer Who Had Secured Evidence Against Jersey City Men.

THREE MEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Police Will Continue to Enforce the Law, but Chief Murphy Says Church Organists Will Not Be Molested.

The crusade waged against the liquor dealers of Jersey City by Christian Endeavorers, acting under instructions from the Law and Order League, to compel them to close their saloons on Sunday, yesterday afternoon led to an assault upon one of the spies by a liquor dealer, against whom the spy had obtained evidence that led to the saloonkeeper's indictment.

Hugo Ritter, whose age is about twenty-three, and who resides at No. 310 Second street, was the unfortunate Christian Endeavorer who fell a victim to the law of a saloonkeeper on several occasions. A number of indicted saloonkeepers were yesterday called to plead to the indictments against them. Among the batch was Anthony Fay, who conducts the Nonpareil, one of the show places, in the city, at Erie street and Newark avenue. Here, the Christian Endeavorer, who was also at the Court House. In some manner he was spotted by several liquor dealers, who followed him by four of them. He noticed that they pushed against him several times, and he stood upon the rear platform, and also that they appeared to be discussing him.

FOUR MEN ATTACK ONE. Suddenly one of the men, with an oath and calling him a "Christian spy," struck him in the face, inflicting an ugly wound, from which the blood flowed freely. Before Ritter could defend himself from further attack he was again struck. The other three men also jumped for him and knocked and kicked him all over the platform.

Ritter, covered with blood, finally managed to escape from his assailants and ran into the car. The four men gave him several parting kicks and cuffs, and jumped from the car. Ritter, who knew none of his assailants, hurried to the residence of Dr. Chambers, Jersey avenue, where he was treated by Dr. Chambers, who is chief of the Christian Endeavorers. He at once hurried his battered subordinate to the police station, where Chief Murphy was in command. Ritter was informed of the case. From the description furnished by Ritter of his assailants, warrants were issued for Anthony Fay, Peter Lynch and Oscar Kreig, who were arrested and taken to the police station. They were admitted to bail and will be arraigned in court tomorrow. If Ritter is not released, he will be charged with assault and battery.

Lynch is said to be bartender in Fay's saloon. Kreig is said to be interested in the place.

ORGANISTS NOT IN DANGER. Chief of Police Murphy, when asked yesterday what he proposed to do in future in the present case, said:

"I am not going to yank any organist from his organist chair next Sunday; neither is any other member of the church. I am going to enforce the law in such cases as I know it."

The Police Department, he said, would place a policeman in the way of the sale of necessities, but store keepers and others who sell luxuries on Sunday would do as usual. The public had learned by this time that the effort of the police in that direction was not simply a spasm of virtue.

THEIR OLD LOVE RETURNED.

Both Sued for Divorce, but an Astute Lawyer Brought Them Together.

New Brunswick, N. J., June 9.—A lawyer's strategy is responsible for the termination of the divorce suit which has been in progress for some months between Mr. and Mrs. John Force. Both sides were suing for a divorce. Mr. MacSherry, counsel for the wife, finally became convinced, since both man and wife seemed to have a suppressed love for the other, that it would be better if they could be brought together and both suits discontinued.

This Spring the taking of testimony was begun, as Mrs. Force had hinted to her lawyer that she would prefer to have an end of the legal fighting. Mr. MacSherry suggested that she invite her husband to the law office, and the husband came here and talked over the difficulties with his wife. The old love returned, and husband and wife soon found that they cared for each other as much as ever.

Mrs. Force came the second time, and she and the husband showed increased tenderness and regard for his wife. Evidence of this having been turned over to Mr. MacSherry, he at once notified Mr. Force's lawyer, and the result was a continuance of the proceedings was useless, since the husband and wife had been living together in the city in apparent peace, and that by these acts the husband had forfeited any right to proceed. Both suits have been discontinued. Husband and wife have become fully reconciled, and will soon resume their residence in this city.

Mrs. Force is young and pretty. Her husband has been in the hotel business for some years in various cities. His wife was Miss Nettie Stroud, of this city, and well known in society.

HAD STOLEN SILVERWARE.

Phillipsburg Police Believe They Have Three Much-Wanted Robbers.

Belvidere, N. J., June 9.—In the Warren County Jail here are three men, dressed like tramps, who are believed to have committed various thefts across the line in Pennsylvania. They were taken into custody while acting suspiciously in Phillipsburg this morning by Policemen Gray and Fishbaugh.

When the prisoners were searched a considerable amount of silverware was found in their possession. The tramps were charged with the robbery of silverware from the home of Isaac Allen, in Clinton, Pa., sending for him, he came here, and admitted the silverware as his property. The men said they were John Fuller and an Brown, of New York, and Charles White, of Jersey City. Inspection papers will be applied for to have them taken to Pennsylvania.

BULLET WHIZZED BY THEM.

Crashed Through a Window Near Mr. and Mrs. Hopping.

Blomfield, N. J., June 9.—Oscar Hopping and his wife, who reside on Race street, were startled late last night by the crashing of window glass and the whizzing of a bullet past their heads.

The bullet was found imbedded in a door, having gone through some clothing hanging near a stove. Mr. Hopping notified the police, who are trying to solve the mystery. It is believed the shot was fired by some careless marksman.

Over of His Boat, and Is Drowned.

Dover, Del., June 9.—John Houston, colored, fell out of his boat and was drowned in the R. D. here this morning.

'BIG HEN HOUSE' IS MOVED.

Famous Fight Over a Famous Building at Hillsdale Ends in the Defeat of the Owner.

Hillsdale, N. J., June 9.—John B. Lozier, John Holmstrom, David Lockwood, Thomas C. Demarest, Township Committeemen, and John Heck, collector, were in Hillsdale at 5 a. m. to-day, and five minutes later had a gang of ten men at work with jack-saws and great timbers, moving the building that has become famous as the "Big Hen House," situated on the public square opposite the depot.

At 10:10 "Big Hen" Herring, owner of the building, who placed it on the park and deeded the Town Committee to move it, even to the court, came to the scene. A number of curious on-lookers gathered around the building. The owner of the building was the police, and the building was moved to the new site.

Just as the passengers were collecting for the early train "Big Hen" drew a large revolver from his pocket and shot at the crowd rapidly in the air, at the same time uttering a war whoop that was heard all over town. The action had a startling effect on the Town Committee and their assistants. John Heck led the precipitate retreat by dodging under the brook bridge, while the others sought cover behind the "hen" house. The crowd sprang upon the avenue. Lozier alone stood unmoved in front of the building and joined Herring in the laugh that followed the withdrawal of the owner.

"John, you're the only man in the crowd that has any sand in his craw. Come, shake. It's your laugh now, but big Hen's before long, and don't you forget it," Herring said.

Then the work of moving the building went on. The building was placed on a temporary foundation. Herring was in communication with his counsel after his arrest yesterday for the moving of the building. Herring got into the workmen by walking near them at intervals and making suggestive motions toward his hip pocket.

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MURDERER MACKIN SWOONS.

Affected by a Visit from His Mother and Child, but Officials Suspected Poison.

John Mackin, who is to hang on June 18 for the murder of his wife and mother-in-law, gave the officials of the Hudson County (New Jersey) Jail a scare shortly after 3 p. m. Monday afternoon.

It was at first thought that he had taken poison, and a doctor was summoned by order of Sheriff Toddy, who was communicating with the physician. Before the arrival of the physician, however, Mackin revived. He explained his swoon by stating that the vandals had broken into his office and had taken his property.

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REVIVES A FAMOUS MURDER MYSTERY.

Appeal Sent Recalls the Killing of Mrs. Housman and Her Son, Fifty Years Ago.

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PRINCETON'S THIRD DAY.

Jollity Mixed with the Serious Work of Commencement Day—Addresses and Debates.

Princeton, N. J., June 9.—The commencement programme was continued at Princeton to-day with a round of literary and athletic attractions. The members of Clio and Whig Hall, the literary societies of the college, were addressed in Alexander Hall by President Patton, after which Rev. P. D. Harlan, '81, representing Whig Hall, and Mr. Wilson Farrand, '86, Clio, delivered the oration of the day.

The annual baseball game between Ivy and college clubs, which followed was a jumble of errors, and even the graduating mathematics present were unable to compute the score. Seven hundred alumni, marshalled in classes and the members of the graduating class marched to Alexander Hall, where a banquet was held, and had been prepared by the class of '96.

The gymnastic team followed with an exhibition of stunts, and the sophomores, the features being the diving of "Beef" Wheeler and the splashing received by the spectators. In the afternoon President and Mrs. Patton gave a reception to the graduates and friends at Prospect.

The programme in the evening consisted of a choir singing on the steps of the North, the glee club concert, the sophomore reception in the Casino and the Lynde debate in Alexander Hall. The question under discussion in the Lynde debate was: "Resolved that the policy of the present administration with reference to Venezuela is to be commended." The affirmative was supported by P. M. Easton and L. W. Fletcher, W. P. Doty and A. H. Sypher the negative. The debate was a very interesting one, and the exercises in Alexander Hall to-morrow.

MURPHY IS A SCORCHER.

Policeman Grabs a Friend's Wheel and After a Chase Captures Offending Cyclists.

When Chief of Police Murphy, of Jersey City, forms his bicycle squad, Policeman John Heck, of the Sixth Precinct, may be an applicant for one of the appointments. He demonstrated his scorching ability Monday night last.

At present Heck does patrol duty along the Hudson Boulevard, which at night is a favorite resort for bicyclists. The orders against riding without lamps are very strict, so on Monday night when Heck noticed a young man and woman, the latter wearing a headlamp, riding without lights, he called to them and told them to light their lamps.

The couple only laughed at the officer and continued on their way. Heck, on an extra spur of speed and, as they wheeled away, shouted: "Come and catch me!"

Heck who has a reputation as a scorcher, accepted the invitation. Nearly stood a friend, leaning against his bicycle. "Gimme a hand," he shouted, and Heck, who was almost before the surprised owner of the wheel had relinquished his hold upon the handlebars, and the couple were off.

The chase was short and exciting. The couple, looking back, saw the policeman and his dog, and the couple were off. Heck was too fast for them, and soon overhauled them, and soon overhauled them. He called them to a halt, and the couple were off.

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BOLT OF LIGHTNING STRIKES IN NEWARK.

Hits a Big Factory and Sets It Afire, During a Heavy Storm.

Building Is Destroyed and a Structure Adjoining Is Saved with Difficulty.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN THE CITY.

Wind Travels with Almost Cyclonic Fury and Trees and Movable Articles Are Swept Away.

Newark, N. J., June 9.—A thunder storm struck this city with cyclonic fury to-night, and although of brief duration did considerable damage to the city. The wind travelled with terrible velocity and swept trees, signs and others movable articles before it.

When the storm was at its height there was one peal of thunder louder than all the others, and it was followed by a flash of lightning almost blinding. A moment later the fire bells began to ring and the heavens in the southeastern part of the city became illuminated. Thousands of people braved the storm and ventured their lives to the source of the illumination. There they found the big four-story patent leather factory of C. H. and J. D. Harrison, on New York avenue and McWhorter street, in flames. It had been struck by lightning.

When the firemen arrived they found themselves face to face with a fierce conflagration. A second alarm was instantly sent out, and this brought more firemen and more people. The portion of the building where the fire was raging was that used for the storage of goods, and it was four stories high and about 100 feet long. Immediately adjoining it was the main building, over 300 feet long, which was not struck by lightning. It was feared that the flames would spread to this, but fortunately there was a dead wall separating the two. This fire broke out in the basement of the building in which it originated. This was entirely quiet.

The loss will run well up in the thousands. Mr. Harrison said to-night that he could not give an estimate of the loss at present. The course taken by the bolt of lightning is plainly visible. It struck the building near the west end of the burned portion, and tore down through the three floors, and came out through the roof, leaving a hole as though they were merely matches.

Plainfield, N. J., June 9.—During a heavy thunder storm between 8 and 9 o'clock last night lightning struck two dwellings on Liberty street, doing considerable damage, although no one was seriously injured.

ANDERSON-BROWE.

Married at the Christian Union Congregational Church, Upper Montclair.

Montclair, N. J., June 9.—A wedding was solemnized in the Christian Union Congregational Church, Upper Montclair, at 7 p. m. to-day, the contracting parties being Miss Emily Maxon Browne, daughter of Edwin S. Browne, and Percy Ellsworth Anderson, of this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Howard S. Bliss.

The bride was attired in white duchess satin and chiffon, with veil and train, and fastened with white ribbons. She wore a bouquet of white roses. Miss Edith Browne, of Brooklyn, cousin of the bride, and Miss Annie Anderson, of Upper Montclair, acted as bridesmaids. The bridesmaids, Miss Bertha Anderson, of Upper Montclair, was maid of honor. Robert L. Vail, of Philadelphia, was best man. After a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson, the couple started on an extended wedding trip, and on their return will reside here.

PLUCKY MRS. FRY'S PISTOL.

She Held Up a Suspicious Character Till a Policeman Arrived.

Mrs. Lena Fry, of No. 215 5th avenue, Jersey City Heights, saw a man Monday night loitering in the back yard of her house. She went into the yard with a revolver in her hand and asked the man what he was doing there.

He made an insulting remark and tried to get away. Mrs. Fry followed and pointed the pistol at his head, said: "If you don't stop, I'll shoot you."

Mrs. Fry then walked her prisoner to the door, and keeping the revolver pointed at him, detained him until Policeman Williams came and took him to the Seventh Precinct Station. Justice Long committed the man for further examination. He said he was John Regan, but he did not give any account of himself.

BURGLARS ROB AN OPEN SAFE.

Secure Over \$300 and Jewelry from Joseph Stenberg.

When Joseph Stenberg, of No. 407 Union street, Union Hill, closed his store Monday night he forgot to lock his safe. In it was a gold watch, two gold rings and \$310 in cash.

Enterprising burglars, through the store windows, noticed the open safe, pried up the floor grating and crawled through the small window into the cellar. From there access to the store was easily gained, and after securing the contents of the safe, they made their way to the street. Stenberg reported the robbery to Police Headquarters.

The burglar Stenberg, of Gardner street and Hudson avenue, told the police yesterday that his house had been entered through a front window, curtains were open, and a gold watch and silverware stolen.

TANDEM RUNS DOWN A DOG.

Two Wheelmen Thrown Off and Badly Injured at Nutley.

Nutley, N. J., June 8.—John Hasbrouck and Frank Hoffman, Jr., of Passaic, while riding along Passaic avenue, in this place last night, on a tandem, were painfully injured by colliding with a dog which had sprang out from behind some bushes at them.

The dog was run over, and the wheelmen thrown to the ground. Hasbrouck sustained a compound fracture of the right arm, while Hoffman's right knee cap was broken.

Body Found in the Water.

Port Richmond, S. I., June 9.—The body of a well-dressed man, which appeared to have been in the water about a week, was found floating in the Kill near Kill off Howland's Hook this morning. Naturalization and other papers found in pockets of the dead man's clothes apparently showed that he was George Adam Weber, aged forty-six years, of Peoria, Ill., and that he was a railroad man. In his pockets were also found a silver watch, some small change